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Supervisor Biane Seeks Candidates for Children and Families Commission

SAN BERNARDINO - San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Paul Biane is searching for a caring, qualified person to fill a vacancy on the County's Children and Families Commission, also known as First 5 San Bernardino.

"I'm searching for someone who will play an active role on the commission because they are passionate about early childhood development," Biane said. "Commission members help shape First 5 programs aimed at ensuring our county's youngest residents grow and develop during the crucial period between birth and age 5."

First 5 San Bernardino is tasked with promoting, supporting, and improving the early development of children from the prenatal stage through age 5. In addition, the agency provides support services for the families of children it serves. Proposition 10, a 50 cent per-pack cigarette tax approved by voters in 1998, funds the agency, which offers education, health and childcare programs.

According to state law, appointed members of the Children and Families Commission **must be at least one of the following:** a parent receiving services from First 5; an educator specializing in early childhood development; a representative of a local child care resource or referral agency, or a local child care coordinating group; a representative of a local organization for prevention or early intervention for at-risk families; a representative from a community-based organization that promotes early childhood development; a representative of a local school district; a representative from a local medical, pediatric, or obstetric association or society.

For more information about First 5 San Bernardino, visit the agency's Web site at www.first5sanbernardino.org or call Stacy Iverson at (909) 386-7706. Those interested in applying for the commission can contact the Clerk of the Board at (909) 387-3841. A commission application is also available on Second District Supervisor Paul Biane's Web site at www.sbcounty.gov/biane under the "Boards and Commissions" heading.